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WITNESS CORROBORATES BRUNEN GIRL'S STORY

TESTIMONY OF BRUNEN GIRL AND SLAYER ON DEATH CALL AND TRAINS CORROBORATED

Telephone and Railroad Employees Make Vital Points for Prosecution.

MRS. MOHR SEARCHED.

Victim's Daughter Sticks to Story Under Severe Cross-Examination.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 14.—Two items of testimony which the prosecution in the Brunen murder trial considers of vital importance to its case were adduced early this afternoon.

Hazel Brunen, young daughter of the murdered showman, testified yesterday that at 8:50 o'clock, on the night her father was shot she telephoned to the Philadelphia residence of Mattie Mohr, wife of Harry C. Mohr, to give news of the tragedy. Mohr, she said, answered the telephone.

This testimony about the call was corroborated this afternoon by the district manager of the Bell Telephone Company. After being ordered to do so by Justice Kalkbrenner, he produced all the record slips of calls from the Brunen home on March 9, 10 and 11. On March 10, the day Brunen was killed, he said a call had been made at 8:51 P. M. for 5020 Delmar. This telephone is in the name of Mattie Mohr.

Hazel Brunen said that on the day of the crime Mattie Mohr was at the Brunen home in Riverside and that Mrs. Brunen said to her, "I can't be surprised to get a telephone call saying John has been killed," and it was the message about his murder that the daughter said she gave over the wire that night. Mohr answering call.

The other testimony adduced in an important way was that of Raymond Johnson, Pennsylvania Railroad telegraph operator at Riverside, Charles Powell, confessed assassin of Brunen, and Mohr had told him Brunen could best be shot while a train was coming in or going out of the Riverside station and that these were the reasons why he was told to shoot her.

Johnson testified that on March 10, a train left the station at 7:25, the latter being five minutes late. Powell stated in his examination on the stand that he had let the train go by and fired his shot to be after. So far as can be computed, John Brunen was murdered at 7:24 o'clock.

Although there had been some talk of the possibility of exonerating Mrs. Harry C. Mohr from the trial today on account of her only first testimony yesterday, she was admitted to remain in the trial the first benefit of legislators behind her.

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MRS. MOHR

Below—Mrs. Mohr. Above—Hazel Brunen.

SECOND OPERATION CUTS AN INCH OFF TILDEN'S FINGER

Tennis Champion Highly Encouraged—Plans Many Games Next Year.

Special to The Evening World.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—William T. Tilden, 36, national tennis champion, has undergone another operation on his injured finger, which has actually removed it in the end and joint. The operation was performed yesterday, more than an inch of bone being removed.

"It is highly contracted," he said today. "I suffered for eight last night and I now believe my finger will heal to heal. A small portion of the bone remains above the second joint and the surgeon says there is a good chance there will be movement in the joint. It isn't much but it ought to help a little when I start to play again."

No encouragement does the champion and that he is already planning a trip West next summer.

"I will begin the last week in Philadelphia," explained Tilden, "and spend about six weeks with the Pacific Northwest as my destination. Sam's Wiener will accompany me and we will probably start playing in Chicago."

STEAM PIPE TURNS CAR INTO CAULDRON; FOURTEEN DEAD

Thirty-five Others Burned as Switch Engine "Drifts" Into Passenger Train.

WATCHMAN IS BLAMED

Dead and Injured Literally Cooked as Severed Pipe Penetrates Coach.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 14.—Railroad investigators today placed the toll of last night's Southern Pacific wreck at Humble, 17 miles from here, at 14, of whom four were white men. Three of the dead white men have been identified as W. A. Baber, of Lufkin, Texas; William Campbell, conductor, and M. Clark, news dealer, both of Houston.

Of the injured, 11 were still receiving medical attention at hospitals here. The majority are negroes. All were victims of scalding by escaping steam.

The wreck occurred when passenger train No. 26, bound for Bayport, struck a switch engine that had "drifted" 300 feet down a cross track and onto the main line. Comparatively little property damage was done, but the escaping steam filtered into the front coach of the passenger train and took a terrible toll.

The fourteen were killed when a two-inch steam pipe, torn loose from the cylinder head of the switch engine, swept around and crashed through a window of a car of the passenger train occupied by negroes, transforming it into a cauldron.

ANKLES BROKEN, PRISONER TRIES IN VAIN TO ESCAPE

Thief Jumps From Station Window—Shots Miss, but Umbrella Gets Him

Two weeks' notice and \$100 in fines were given to the man who tried to escape from the West 47th street police station today, but the fugitive finally yielded with a groan when he was knocked on the head with an umbrella.

The prisoner, now in Bellevue hospital, was Bernard Hunkler, twenty-eight, No. 222 Broadway, a policeman. He probably got away from the station by force, but was caught by a patrolman in a nearby alley.

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228,000 PUPILS BEHIND IN CLASSES CLOG CITY SCHOOLS

Equal Number Can't Have Full Day Because of Vast Number of Deficients.

'DEFECTS' SOMEWHERE.

Over 228,000 children, clogging the public school machinery of this city because of their failure to achieve promotion, are deficient—nearly an equal number of pupils of their right to a full school day.

Of 800 pupils tested in twenty-two schools, all of whom are from two to four years behind the normal time for graduation, 55 per cent. have been found to be mentally under age; only 29 per cent. are "normal" and 16 per cent. are what is termed "over age" mentally.

The foregoing and other startling facts gathered by the Bureau of Reference, Research and Statistics of the Board of Education are contained in a report made to Supt. Estlin which has not yet been made public.

The report goes on to show that there are very serious defects somewhere which are responsible for the unusually poor results attained in spelling, arithmetic and penmanship. It also indicates that 21.2 per cent. of the pupils in the elementary schools are below their normal grades and that this year 228,594 out of 719,753 in the regular grades, or 48 per cent. of the pupils in the public elementary schools, had made "below progress," or, in other words, had failed to win a promotion to the grade to which their age and length of time at school should entitle them.

Out of 29,000 children in the highest grammar grade, 83 per cent. of which requires fifteen terms' work, equivalent to seven and one-half years, 622 children had been in the public school from twenty to twenty-four terms, or from ten to twelve years, on the course which they should have completed in eight years at the outside.

Out of over 700,000 pupils in the regular grades in the elementary schools, 54 per cent. were under age, 15 per cent. were "normal" age and 31 per cent. were "over age."

Approximately only 31 per cent. of the total number of school children in the elementary grades graduated within eight years, or within the fifteen regular terms. The remainder "lag behind" from one to three or more years.

HARDING TAKES HAND IN BUREAU CHANGES

Many Differences Still, but Report to Congress is Expected Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Harding today met the Joint Commission on Departmental Reorganization in a session devoted to a preliminary report to Congress, recommending sweeping reorganizations in Government departments and bureaus.

While there still remained some differences to be settled, it was believed that the report would be ready for submission within a few days.

Secretary Hoover was understood to have agreed to all changes affecting the Department of Commerce, and Secretary Mellon was declared to be quite ready to accept President Harding's recommendations in the Department of Justice.

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Attempt to Poison W. C. Bridgeman, British Home Secretary, by Gift of Chocolates Sent Through Mail

Arsenic Found in Candy by Police, Who Believe It Was Act of Same Person Who Poisoned Scotland Yard Chief.

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Associated Press).—An attempt has been made to assassinate Home Secretary W. C. Bridgeman by means of poisoned chocolates sent through the mail. The candy arrived at the Home Office yesterday. The police found the candy contained arsenic.

It is understood the police attribute the act to the same person who recently poisoned Sir William Horwood, head of Scotland Yard, in the same manner.

Investigations, it was said to-day, have led the police to the conclusion that the work was probably that of an unbalanced woman who has some real or fancied grievance against Scotland Yard and the Home Office.

All the other Ministers of the Government have been warned to be on guard against similar attempts.

The candy box bore the postmark of Batham, a London suburb, where it is now learned the Horwood package also was posted. The Scotland Yard investigators who had almost succeeded in tracing the origin of the Horwood chocolates, are now practically certain that the new attempt will lead to an arrest.

It was said to-day the Scotland Yard people had found the shop in which the Bridgeman chocolates were purchased.

The attempt on Mr. Bridgeman's life, coming just before Christmas, was all officials were expected to view as a serious case, but caused considerable alarm among them.

This is the second time within little more than a month that an attempt has been made by similar means to poison a prominent English official. On Nov. 9, Sir William Horwood, Chief of Scotland Yard, received a box of poisoned chocolates through the mails.

The Federal Grand Jury that took up the question of their alleged to have been served in the Hospital and Tennis Club No. 250 Park Avenue, and today to have exhibited in an inquiry and now desires to know what society is doing with the proceeds of money purchased through a private club.

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U. S. TO TAKE HAND IN EUROPE WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS TO PREVENT SEIZURE OF RUHR

Harding Believes It Would Smash Germany Beyond All Ability to Pay Any Reparations—Won't Lend Aid Until He Sees What the Nations Can Do for Themselves.

By David Lawrence.

(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Copyright).—Within the next ten days moves of the greatest importance to the future of Europe will be made by the United States Government in consultation with the Allied Powers.

The details of the American program cannot be disclosed at this time, as it is desired that the first explanations of what the United States has in mind shall come through American diplomatic representatives abroad. It is therefore possible to-day only to mention the objectives rather than the mode of procedure which this Government seeks.

First of all, the United States Government would be deeply disappointed to see France seize the Ruhr region, not only because the taking of German territory would be the breeding of more war in Europe, but because it might mean the ruin of Germany. The Ruhr contains five-sixths of the coal supply of Germany and her industrial recuperation would be impossible without fuel.

Which does France want? Money or the ruin of Germany? That is the question being asked here. If she wants to dismember Germany as a means of providing security against possible invasion, then the seizure of the Ruhr is what she will most prefer, unless the Allies use their diplomatic influence to prevent such an occurrence. There are indications that France will not hold the British warnings on this subject and that only the eyes of the United States intervened at this juncture can dissuade France.

The whole situation has been drifting along from bad to worse, due to the split between France and Great Britain. The French claim they were first refused and forced to go it alone when the United States and Great Britain failed to rally the Allies to a general economic treaty whereby the two powers were to come to the aid of France in case of unprovoked attack by Germany. When America tried to get France to accept a general British guarantee which would insure Britain against such a disaster, she was refused by the British.

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YOUNG WOMAN SAVES BOY FROM FLAMES; REFUSES TO GIVE NAME

herself Severely Burned, She Tears Suffering Youngster to Police Station.

An unknown young woman, although severely burned about the hands and arms, refused to give her name to the police of West New York last night, after she had saved five-year-old Frank Conti of No. 245 Hudson Avenue, West New York, from burning to death. She carried the lad to the Station House, explained that he had found him alone in a hot room at home, and then hurried away to get treatment from a physician, she said the police.

The boy was playing about a bonfire which had been started by some children when he started crying and when he was rescued by the woman.

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EIGHT SOCIETY MEN BEFORE U. S. JURY IN BOOZE INQUIRY

Seven Are Members of Racquet and Tennis Club—All Silent on Testimony.

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GERMANY VERY NEAR COMPLETE COLLAPSE BONAR LAW DECLARES

Says She Deliberately Planned Depreciation of Currency and Now Cannot Pay Reparations.

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